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#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### SUMMARY

This document is prepared jointly by the Marshall Space Flight Center Laboratories R-AERO-P, R-ASTR-S, and R-P&VE-VN. The document presents a brief and concise description of the AS-501 Apollo Saturn Space Vehicle. Where necessary, for clarification, additional related information has been included.

It is not the intent of this document to completely define the Space Vehicle or its systems and subsystems in detail. The information presented herein, by text and sketches, describes launch preparation activities, launch facilities, and the space vehicle. This information permits the reader to follow the space vehicle sequence of events beginning a few hours prior to liftoff to its journey into space.

#### 1. Mission Purpose:

The purpose of the AS-501 mission is to develop the Saturn V launch vehicle for manned flights and to verify the adequacy of the Apollo Command Module heat shield at lunar reentry velocities.

The AS-501 mission is an unmanned, elliptical earth orbital flight.

#### 2. Mission Objectives:

a. Demonstrate structure and thermal integrity, and compatibility of the launch vehicle and spacecraft, and determine structural loads and dynamic characteristics during powered and coasting flight.

b. Determine launch vehicle in-flight internal environment.

c. Verify launch support equipment compatibility, and mission support capability for launch and mission operations to high post-injection altitudes and Command Module recovery.

d. Demonstrate the S-IC and S-II stage propulsion systems and determine in-flight system performance parameter.

e. Demonstrate the launch vehicle guidance and control system during powered flight; achieve guidance cutoff and evaluate system accuracy.

f. Demonstrate S-IC/S-II dual plane separation and S-II/S-IVB separation.

g. Demonstrate launch vehicle sequencing system.

h. Evaluate performance of the emergency detection system (EDS) in an open-loop configuration.

i. Demonstrate S-IVB stage restart capability.

j. Verify adequacy of the Command Module heat shield for reentry at lunar return conditions.

#### 3. Mission Profiles:

AS-501 will be launched from Launch Complex 39, Pad A, Kennedy Space Center (KSC); at a launch azimuth of 90°E of N. Shortly after liftoff (approximately 12 sec) the vehicle begins a roll maneuver to attain a flight azimuth of 72°E of N and maintains a near zero-lift (gravity turn) trajectory through the maximum dynamic pressure region. After S-IC burn and separation; S-II burn and separation, the first burn of the S-IVB will propel the S-IVB/IU/Spacecraft into a 100-nauticalmile parking orbit using the Iterative Guidance Mode (IGM). The vehicle will remain in this orbit for approximately two revolutions with its' longitudinal axis in the orbital plane and parallel to the local horizon. During the second revolution, when the vehicle is within tracking range of KSC, the S-IVB engine will be re-started to boost the vehicle into an elliptical atmosphere - intersecting waiting orbit with an apogee of approximately 9,000 nautical miles. Spacecraft separation occurs approximately 590 seconds after injection into waiting orbit. The coast time in waiting orbit between S-IVB cutoff and Command Module (CM) reentry is approximately 4.6 hours. Shortly after spacecraft separation a service propulsion system (SP5) burn and navigational corrections will be performed to achieve lunar return velocity and the proper reentry corridor. Following the second SPS burn, Command Module/Service Module (CM/SM) separation will occur and the CM will be reoriented for a guided lifting reentry which will produce the heat load desired to test the CM heat shield at lunar returning velocity. Splash-down will be near Hawaii.



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LC-39 Pad "A"

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#### LAUNCH VEHICLE SECURE RANGE SAFETY SYSTEMS

The secure range safety systems on the S-IC, S-II and S-IVB stages provide a communications link to transmit coded commands from ground stations to the vehicle during powered flight, providing a positive means of terminating the flight of an erratic vehicle by initiating emergency engine cutoff and if necessary, propellant dispersion. ş

Each powered stage contains two UHF radio receivers. Both command receivers on each of the three stages respond to the same command signals, each providing a backup system for the other.

The safety and arming device located on each stage is armed by a signal from the blockhouse before vahicle ignition. Following S-IVB cutoff the S-IVB range safety system is "safed" by a command from Range Safety Control to preclude accidental destruct.



#### EMERGENCY DETECTION SYSTEM (EDS)

The purpose of the EDS is to sense onboard emergency situations which arise during the boost phase of the flight. On AS-501 the EDS will be flown in an open loop configuration which precludes automatic abort.

The EDS is comprised of sensors which detect malfunctions and logic circuitry which initiate spacecraft displays and, in two cases, automatic abort of the CM. With the exception of the Q-ball, mounted on top of the LET, the EDS sensors are located in the launch vehicle. The system's relay logic is located primarily in the IU EDS Distributor and the CM Mission Events Sequence Controller.

The EDS has two modes of operation; "manual", which generates abort cues and "automatic" which initiates firing of the LES, and CM separation in the case of two S-IC engines out or angular overrates during S-IC powered flight. Figure is simplified block diagram of the AS-501 EDS. The automatic abort initiating portion of the system consists of the launch vehicle's rate sensing subsystem, the stage thrust sensing subsystem and the signal distribution and processing hardware which services these devices.

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The angular overrate sensors (3 per axis in pitch, yaw, and roll) will initiate automatic abort of the CM during the period they are enabled (liftoff to about 136 seconds) whenever two sensors in any one axis simultaneously indicate excessive rates. Detection of the overrates is made by the sersor switch circuitry of the Control Signal Processor in the IU. The settings for these angular rate detectors are 5 degrees per second in pitch and yaw and 20 degrees per second in roll. The majority voting of the three switch outputs in each axis is done by relay logic in the EDS Distributor. A valid excess rate decision is forwarded by the EDS Distributor to the CM Mission Events Sequence Controller for abort initiation.

The S-IC stage engine thrust OK sensors (three per engine on all five engines) will also initiate abort during the period they are enabled (liftoff to about 135 seconds) when the voted output of the sensors from any two engines indicates that the thrust of those engines is below the 89% level. These sensors monitor the F-1 engine's fuel inlet manifold pressure. Majority voting of the three sensors for each engine is done in the EDS Distributor. A valid two engines out decision is sent to the Mission Events Sequence Controller for CM abort initiation.



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S-IC/S-II Stage Flight Sequencing

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Figure 7

S-II/S-IVB Stage

Flight Sequencing



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S-IVB Stage Flight Sequencing



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#### GUIDANCE AND CONTROL SYSTEM (G&C)

#### Function and Description

The G&C system provides these basic functions during flight: (1) stable positioning of the vehicle to the command position with a minimum amount of sloshing and bending, (2) a first stage tilt program which gives a near zero lift trajectory through the atmosphere and produces reasonable end conditions at Outboard Engine Cutoff (OECO), (3) reduction of wind loads during the high dynamic pressure region, (4) steering commands during S-IVB burn which guide the vehicle to a predetermined set of end conditions while maintaining a minimum propellant trajectory, (5) final cutoff signal, (6) attitude signals for the sensing, computing, and actuation elements of the G&C system. A block diagram of the hardware used to implement these functions is shown in Figure .

The Stabilized Platform (ST-124M) is a three gimbal configuration with gas bearing gyros and accelerometers mounted on the stable element. Vehicle accelerations and rotations are sensed relative to this stable element. Gimbal angles are measured by redundant resolvers and inertial velocity is obtained from accelerometer head rotation in the form of encoder outputs (also redundant).

The Launch Vehicle Data Adapter (LVDA) is an input-output device for the LVDC. These two components are digital devices which operate in conjunction to carry out the flight program. This program performs the following functions: (1) Processes the inputs from the ST-124M, (2) performs navigation calculations, (3) provides first stage tilt program, (4) calculates IGM steering commands, (5) resolves gimbal angles and steering commands into the vehicle system for attitude error commands, (6) issues cutoff and sequencing signals. The Control/EDS Rate Gyro Package contains 9 gyros (triplex redundant in 3 axes). Their outputs go to the Control Signal Processor (CSP) where they are voted and sent to the Control Computer for damping vehicle angular motion.

The Control Computer sends commands to the S-IC, S-II and S-IVB engine actuators and to the Control Relay Packages based on signals from the LVDA and rate gyros. These signals are filtered and scaled (see Figure 10), then summed in magnetic amplifiers. This computer provides redundant operation during S-IVB burn and coast.

The Control Relay Packages accept Control Computer commands and relay these commands to operate propellant values in the Auxiliary Propulsion System (APS). All relays and values are redundant.

The 8 hydraulic actuators of the S-IC and S-II stages are used to gimbal the outboard engines and provide control in all axes. The two hydraulic actuators of the S-IVB stage are used to gimbal the J-2 engine and provide control in pitch and yaw axes. The APS is used for control in all axes during S-IVB coast.

The Switch Selectors are used to relay sequencing commands from the LVDA to other locations in the vehicle. The cutoff signal and time based events are issued through the Switch Selectors.

#### **Operation**

The vehicle is erected on the launch pad with position I at a  $90^{\circ}E$  of N azimuth. The Stabilized Platform is aligned to  $72^{\circ}$  azimuth during countdown and held in an earth fixed position, perpendicular to the gravity vector. A roll presetting of  $18^{\circ}$  is used to eliminate the attitude error which would result from this difference in azimuth. The LVDC operates in ground routines prior to GRR and attitude error signals are set to null. At the instant of GRR, the platform becomes space fixed to establish the guidance coordinate system and the LVDC enters the flight mode. In this mode accelerometer processing, steering, navigation, telemetry, and other functions are performed exactly as they are after liftoff.

The Liftoff signal (IU umbilical disconnect) initiates time base 1. Eleven seconds later, the tilt program starts and the initial roll presetting is reset to zero. The vehicle rolls into alignment with the platform at l°/second. There is no active path guidance during S-IC burn. Control is maintained by gimballing the four outboard engines on command from the Control Computer. Sequencing signals are issued to the various switch selectors to perform time dependent functions.

# DIGITAL COMMAND SYSTEM CAPABILITY:

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The following summary describes the AS-501 Digital Command Systems' overall command capability:

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Function	Description	Periods of Acceptance
Inhibit	Coast phase attitude maneuver inhibit	From $T_5$ + 100 seconds until $T_6$ and from $T_7$ + 10 seconds until end of life
Time base update	Change the time to start coast phase attitude maneuver	From $T_5 + 100$ seconds until $T_6$ and from $T_7 + 10$ seconds until end of life
Time base update	Time base time is advanced or re- tarded at the next telemetry loss	From $T_5 + 100$ seconds until $T_6$ and from $T_7 + 10$ seconds till end of life
Navigation updat⊾	Navigation quanti- ties are reset at the time specified	From $T_5 + 100$ seconds until $T_6$ and from $T_7 + 10$ seconds till end of life
Generalized switch selector	Specified switch selector function is issued at the first opportunity	From $T_4$ + 115 seconds until $T_6$ + 317 seconds and from $T_7$ + 10 seconds till end of life
Sector dump	Contents of speci- fied memory sector are telemetered	From $T_5 + 100$ seconds until $T_6$ and from $T_7 + 10$ seconds till end of life
Telemeter single memory location	Contents of speci- fied memory loca- tion are telemetered	From $T_5 + 100$ seconds until $T_6$ and from $T_7 + 10$ seconds till end of life
Terminate	Stop DCS processing and reset for a new command	From $T_3 + 1.3$ seconds until $T_4$ ; from $T_4 + 115$ seconds till $T_6 + 317$ seconds and from $T_7 + 10$ seconds till end of life
Abort to orbit	Use S-IVB to achieve orbit	From $T_3 + 1.3$ seconds till $T_4$
Inhibit transponder switching	Inhibits C-Band transponder switch- ing	From $T_5$ + 100 seconds until $T_6$ and from $T_7$ + 10 seconds until end of life



#### VEHICLE TRACKING SYSTEMS

#### 1. Azusa/GLOTRAC Systems. (10)

The Azusa (Mark II) is an interferometer system using doppler and FM radar techniques for high-accuracy tracking during the launch phase. It is utilized for impact prediction and real-time display of vehicle position. GLOTRAC is a range and range rate tracking system for post-flight trajectory evaluation.

2. ODOP System. (S-IC)

The ODOP tracking system measures the range sum between ground stations and a vehicle by utilizing the total doppler shift in the frequency of a continuous wave radio carrier. It provides highly accurate position and velocity data during the early flight phase for post-flight trajectory evaluation.

#### 3. C-Band Radar System. (10 & SC)

C-Band is a pulse radar system which is used for precise tracking during launch and orbit phases.

4. Unified S-Band System. (SC)

The Unified Side-Band system (USB) provides tracking capability to the "SB ground stations.



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Figure 11

Vehicle Tracking Systems

#### SPACE VEHICLE WEIGHT VS. FLIGHT TIME

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Propellant consumption during S-IC Stage flight (approximately 152 seconds) is approximately 4,320,000 pounds. Propellant consumption during S-II Stage flight (approximately 365 seconds) is approximately 938,700 pounds and during S-IVB Stage flight, including first and second burns, (approximately 459 seconds) is approximately 232,700 pounds.

In event of one engine of the S-IC Stage malfunctions and is cutoff during flight, the remaining engines will consume the propellant intended for the "dead" engine. Burning time of the stage would increase, and the overall vehicle performance loss would be minimized.

VEHICLE WEIGHT DATA (Approximate)	Pounds	
Total at S-IC ignition	6,220,700	
Total at liftoff	6,121,300	
Total at S-IC O.E.C.O	1,799,200	
Total at S-II ignition	1,415,700	
Total at S-II E.C.O	463,200	
Total at S-IVB first ignition	352,000	
Total at S-IVB first E.C.O	277,000	
Total at S-IVB 2nd ignition	273,900	
Total at S-IVB 2nd E.C.O	119,100	
Total at S-IVB/SC separation	67,100	



### S-IC STAGE STRUCTURE

The S-IC stage is approximately 138 feet long and 33 feet in diameter and has five liquid-fueled Rocketdyne F-1 engines which generate a total thrust of 7,500,000 pounds. The engines are supplied fuel by a bi-propellant system of liquid oxygen (LOX) as the oxidizer and RP-1 as the fuel.

The S-IC stage structure consists of a thrust structure to which the engines attach, an RP-1 fuel tank, a LOX tank, an intertank structure separating the LOX and fuel tanks, and a forward skirt structure which provides an interface surface for the Saturn S-II stage.

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#### F-1 ENGINE OPERATION

The F-1 Engine is started by ground support equipment. The start signal ignites pyrotechnic igniters in the gas generator which permits LOX under tank pressure to discharge into the thrust chamber. When the LOX valve is partly open RP-1 and LOX under tank pressure flows to the gas generator combustion chamber accelerating the turbopump increasing the LOX and RP-1 discharge pressure. When the RP-1 discharge pressure reaches approximately 375 psig a valve in the hypergol cartridge opens allowing LOX and RP-1 to build up pressure against the hypergol burst diaphragm. At approximately 500 psig the diaphragm will rupture allowing hypergol and RP-1 to enter the thrust chamber causing spontaneous combustion upon contact with the LOX, thereby establishing primary ignition. As thrust pressure builds up the RP-1 valves open admitting RP-1 to the thrust chamber and the transition to mainstage operation.

Inboard engine is cutoff by a signal from the IU. Outboard engines are cutoff by optical type LOX depletion sensors with fuel depleting sensors as backup. A command from the IU supplies a command to the switch selector to enable the outboard engine cutoff circuitry. When two or more of the four LOX level sensors are energized, a timer is activated. Expiration of the timer energizes the stop solenoid for each engine which energizes prevalve close relays. Closing of the prevalves interrupts propellant flow and terminates engine operation.



#### S-IC STAGE PROPELLANT SYSTEM

The S-IC Stage propellant system is composed of one LOX tank, one RP-1 tank, propellant lines, control valves, vents, and pressurization subsystems. Loading of LOX and RP-1 tanks is controlled by ground computers. RP-1 loading is completed at a considerable time prior to start of LOX loading. LOX bubbling begins and continues through the LOX tank loading to prevent possible LOX geysering. Approximately 90 seconds prior to ignition command the RP-1 tank is pressurized from a ground source. Approximately 60 seconds prior to ignition command the LOX tank is pressurized from a ground source. Prior to start of automatic sequence and up to 72 seconds before liftoff ground source helium is bubbled through the LOX lines and tank to prevent stratification in engine LOX suction lines. After liftoff the LOX tank pressurization is maintained by GOX converted from LOX in the heat exchanger. The RP-1 tank is pressurized with He stored in bottles in the LOX tank and heated by passing the He through the heat exchanger.

S-IC PROPELLANT LOAD AND OPERATIONAL SEQUENCE





#### S-IC STAGE THRUST VECTOR CONTROL SYSTEM

Each of the four outboard F-1 engines is gimbal mounted on the stage thrust structure to provide engine thrust vectoring for vehicle attitude control and steering. Two hydraulic actuators are utilized to gimbal each engine in response to signals from the Flight Control Computer located in the Instrument Unit.

The thrust vector control system is part of the engine system. During engine operation, high pressure control fluid is supplied from the turbopump assembly to the servo valve and actuators. The fluid returns to the inlet of the turbopump assembly.







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S-IC Stage Telemetry System



S-IC Stage Electrical Power And Distribution System

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#### S-II STAGE STRUCTURE

The stage structure includes: an aft interstage, an aft skirt and thrust structure, a heat shield, a LOX tank, an  $\rm LH_2$  tank, and a feaskirt.

The stage has five J-2 engines which generate a total thrust of 1,000,000 pounds.

#### EJECTABLE CAMERA CAPSULES

Two recoverable film cameras will be flown on the S-II stage of the first two Saturn V launch vehicles. These cameras are mounted on the thrust structure as shown on opposite page. The primary objective of these cameras is to view second-plane S-IC/S-II separation. The secondary objectives are to view S-IC/S-II first-plane separation and J-2 engine ignition.

The cameras are turned on by the switch selector shortly before first-plane separation and operate for approximately 40 seconds. The film is "marked" one-tenth of a second before first-plane separation, one-tenth of a second after engine start and one-tenth of a second after second-plane separation. The camera capsules are ejected approximately 8 seconds after second-plane separation. Immediately following ejection, the camera capsule stabilization flaps are deployed. After the camera capsule descends to an altitude of 4,320 meters, a paraballoon is inflated, which causes the stabilization flaps to fall away. Six seconds after the paraballoon is inflated, a recovery radio transmitter and flashing light beacon located on the paraballoon are turned on.

After touchdown, the camera capsule effuses a dye marker to aid visual sighting of the capsule, and a shark-repellant to protect the camera capsule, paraballoon, and the recovery team.



# <u>Stage Weight</u>

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- Dry:~ 88,200 Lbs.
- At S-IC Ignition:~ 1,035,300 Lbs.
- · At S-II Cutoff:~ 103,500 Lbs.

Figure 20

S-II Stage Configuration

#### J-2 ENGINE OPERATION S-II STAGE

The operating cycle of the J-2 Engine consists of prestart, start, steady-state operation and cutoff sequences. During prestart, LOX and LH2 flow through the engine to temperature-condition the engine components, and to assure the presence of propellant in the turbopumps for starting. Following a timed cooldown period, the start signal is received by the sequence controller which energizes various control solenoid valves to open the propellant valves in the proper sequence. The sequence controller also energizes spark plugs in the gas generator and thrust chamber to ignite the propellant. In addition, the sequence controller releases GH2 from the start tank. The GH2 provides the initial drive for the turbopumps that deliver propellant to the gas generator and the engine. The propellant ignites, gas generator output accelerates the turbopumps, and engine thrust increases to main stage operation. At this time, the spark plugs are de-energized and the engine is in steady-state operation.

Steady-state operation is maintained until a cutoff signal is received by the sequence controller. The sequence controller de-energizes the solenoid valves which in turn close the engine propellant valves in the proper sequence. As a result, engine thrust decays and the cutoff sequence is complete.





#### S-II STAGE PROPELLANT SYSTEM

The S-II Stage propellant system is composed of integral  $LOX/LH_2$  tanks, propellant lines, control valves, vents, and prepressurization subsystems. Loading of propellant tanks and flow of propellants is controlled by the propellant utilization systems. The  $LOX/LH_2$  tanks are prepressurized by ground source gaseous helium. During powered flight of the S-II Stage, the LOX tank is pressurized by GOX bleed from the LOX heat exchanger. The LH<sub>2</sub> tank is pressurized by GH<sub>2</sub> bleed from the thrust chamber hydrogen injector manifold: pressurization is maintained by the LH<sub>2</sub> Pressure Regulator.

#### S-II PROPELLANT LOAD AND OPERATIONAL SEQUENCE





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Total propellant at liftoff -946,700 lbs. Total propellant consumed after liftoff -938,700 lbs.

> S-II Stage Propellant System

Figure 22

#### S-II STAGE PROPELLANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The propellant utilization (PU) system controls loading and engine mixture ratios (LOX to LH<sub>2</sub>) to ensure balanced consumption of LOX and LH<sub>2</sub>.

Capacitance probes mounted in the LOX and LH2 containers monitor the mass of the propellants during powered flight. At PU activation (5.5 seconds after J-2 ignition) the capacitance probes sense the LOX to LH2 imbalance and commands the engine to burn at the high rate engine mixture ratio of 5.5:1. When the high mixture ratio is removed, the PU system will then command the engine to burn the reference mixture ratio of 4.7:1, striving for simultaneous depletion of LOX and LH2 for maximum stage performance. Engine cutoff is initiated when any two of the five capacitance probes in either tank indicate dry.



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Figure 23

#### S-II STAGE THRUST VECTOR CONTROL SYSTEM

The four outboard engines are gimbal mounted to provide attitude control during powered flight. Attitude control is maintained by gimballing one or more of the engines. Power for gimballing is supplied by four independent engine mounted hydraulic control systems.

Pitch, yaw, and roll control, during powered flight, is maintained by actuator control of the engine thrust vector.









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#### S-IVB STAGE STRUCTURE

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The stage structure consists of an aft interstage, an aft skirt, a thrust structure, an  $LH_2$  tank, a LOX tank, and a forward skirt.

A single gimballed J-2 engine of 200,000 pounds nominal thrust is mounted on the stage centerline.





#### J-2 ENGINE OPERATION S-IVB STAGE

The operating cycle of the J-2 Engine consists of prestart, start, steady-state operation and cutoff sequences. During prestart, LOX and LH<sub>2</sub> flow through the engine to temperature-condition the engine components, and to assure the presence of propellant in the turbopumps for starting. Following a timed cooldown period, the start signal is received by the sequence controller which energizes various control solenoid valves to open the propellant valves in the proper sequence. The sequence controller also energizes spark plugs in the gas generator and thrust chamber to ignite the propellant. In addition, the sequence controller releases GH<sub>2</sub> from the start tank. The GH<sub>2</sub> provides the initial drive for the turbopumps that deliver propellant to the gas generator and the engine. The propellant ignites, gas generator output accelerates the turbopumps, and engine thrust increases to main stage operation. At this time, the spark plugs are de-energized and the engine is in steady-state operation.

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#### S-IVB STAGE PROPELLANT SYSTEM

The S-IVB Stage propellant system is composed of integral LOX/LH<sub>2</sub> tanks, propellant lines, control valves, vents, and pressurization subsystems. Loading of the propellant tanks and flow of propellants is controlled by the propellant utilization system. Both propellant tanks are initially pressurized by ground source cold helium. LOX tank pressurization during S-IVB stage burn is maintained by helium supplied from spheres in the LH<sub>2</sub> tank, which is expanded by passing through the helium heater, to maintain positive pressure across the common tank bulkhead and to satisfy engine net positive suction head. The LH<sub>2</sub> pressurization strengthens the stage in addition to satisfying net positive suction head requirements. After engine ignition the pressure is maintained by GH<sub>2</sub> tapped from the engine supply

#### S-IVB PROFELLANT LOAD AND OPERATIONAL SEQUENCE



